

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 5 and 7 to 20 are pending in the application, of which claims 1 and 13 are independent. Favorable reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.¹

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 6, 8, 9, and 12 contain allowable subject matter, and for the indication that claims 13 to 20 are allowable.

Without conceding the propriety of the outstanding rejection, and solely to advance the application to issue, Applicants have incorporated the allowable subject matter of claim 6 into independent claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1, and the claims that depend therefrom, namely claims 2 to 5 and 7 to 12, are now in condition for allowance.

There being no other outstanding issues, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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¹ The Examiner is urged to independently confirm this recitation of the pending claims.

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